



Education Standards and Practices Board

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Thursday, February 15, 1996

The Education Standards and Practices Board meeting was called to order by vice-chairperson Dr. Doug Johnson on Thursday, February 15, 1996, at 8:50 a.m. Members of the Board present were Dr. Doug Johnson, Linda Davis, Maryjane Martens, Susan Andrews, Randy Gordon, Michael Schatz, Don Haugen, Dr. Mary Harris, Executive Director Marilyn Ridenhower, Board Intern Deb Jensen, and ex-officio Board member Ron Stastney, DPI. Member of the Board absent was Bev Sandness. Visitors present were Helen Busche, NDEA, and Jack Biesterfeld, Wilton.

A motion was made by Linda Davis and seconded by Mike Schatz to accept the minutes from the January, 1996, ESPB meeting. The motion carried.

There will be a discussion on the financial report at our next meeting.

A formal welcome was extended to Diane Weber, a current employee of ESPB who has now accepted the new administrative assistant position.

Marilyn Ridenhower informed the Board that money generated in certification fees from July 1, 1995, through December 31, 1995, amounted to \$67,380.

Marilyn Ridenhower and Mike Schatz attended a fingerprinting/investigatory procedures workshop at Vancouver, British Columbia, in January. A discussion was held by the Board concerning a possible fingerprinting process for teachers in North Dakota.

The Board also held a brief discussion on our updated Code of Ethics and potential changes.

A subcommittee was formed to work on the fingerprinting process. Mike Schatz, Randy Gordon, and Sue Andrews are the Board members who will be working in that area.

The Request for Inquiry case between Vickie Heflin and Kevin Ronkowski was reviewed by the Board.

A motion was made by Don Haugen to send a letter to Vickie Heflin and the other parties that we received no substantial evidence to revoke Kevin Ronkowski's certificate. This should be remedied at the local level, and the Board will not take action at this time. Dr. Doug Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Request for Inquiry case involving the Kenmare Public School and Brian Sennett was also reviewed by the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Doug Johnson stating the Board has found sufficient evidence exists to begin proceedings for permanent revocation of Brian Sennett's teaching certificate through the hearing process, as outlined in NDCC 28-32. The motion was seconded by Randy Gordon. The motion carried.

An amended motion was made by Dr. Doug Johnson to support the reason for intent to revoke Brian Sennett's certificate, which is unethical practices in the teaching profession. The amended motion was seconded by Randy Gordon. The motion carried.

An appearance was made by Jack Biesterfeld concerning a teaching certificate. He was placed on probation until October, 1996, with a disorderly conduct charge, and his records will become clear after October, 1996, without further convictions. Being that it is not a conviction, the Board decided that a teaching certificate can be issued to him at this time.

A director's report was given by Marilyn Ridenhower. One of the topics discussed was an update on the hearing for Roger Behm. The final summations are due on February 26, 1996. Other topics discussed were the Request for Inquiry for Patti Angeles and a pending administrative hearing process, the location for ESPB, and the ESPB role in the teacher forum.

Deb Jensen gave an updated report on the NCATE visits/standards. There have now been pre-visits at Minot State, University of North Dakota, and Valley City State, and a pre-visit will be held at Mayville State February 20-21, 1996.

An NCATE program standards subcommittee was also formed. Dr. Doug Johnson, Dr. Mary Harris, and Bev Sandness are the Board members who will be working with the standards area.

The professional development subcommittee consists of Board members Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, and Linda Davis.

The Board broke up into small subcommittee groups to discuss the areas of fingerprinting, standards, and professional development.

Reports from the subcommittee groups were:

- 1) NCATE Program Standards Subcommittee - Dr. Doug Johnson gave a report on NCATE standards; and such topics as portfolio assessments, visionary colleges and universities, streamlining, and portfolio reviews were discussed.
- 2) Fingerprinting Subcommittee - Mike Schatz gave a report on the fingerprinting area. Various topics discussed were the review of fingerprinting, legality, rationale, need, cost, and procedure.
- 3) Professional Development Standards Subcommittee - Linda Davis gave a review on the professional development standards. Topics discussed were how the professional development standards would fit in with the NCA process, trainer of trainers process, and inservice.

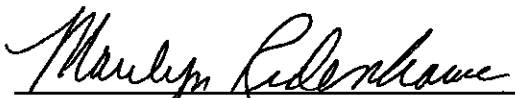
A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Doug Johnson and seconded by Sue Andrews.
The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next ESPB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 1996.



ESPB Chair



ESPB Executive Director
Secretary